(ग) से (च) केन्द्रीय भूमिजल बोर्ड ने कृत्रिम भूजल के पुनर्भरण में राज्य सरकारों की सहायता करने के लिए एक केन्द्र प्रायोजित स्कीम तैयार की है । योजना पर संबंधित अभिकरणों से परामर्श किया जा रहा है । इसलिए, इस अवस्था में इसके कार्यान्वयन का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Review of Sardar Sarovar Project

1905. SHRI G. G.SWELL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether review of Sardar Sarovar Project is untenable under Narmada Tribunal Award given to decades ago;

(b) whether it is all possible to change the design at this stage of its implementation; and

(c) whether any change or reduction in the height of the dam would deprive the prospects of availability of drinking water to more than 5000 villages of Kutch and Saurashtra chronically under the threat of famine and scarcity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) As per clause XVI of the Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award, parameters of the Sardar Sarovar Dam like its height for full reservoir level, maximum water level, etc., are subject to review at any time after a period of 45 years only from the date of publication of the decision of the Tribunal in the Official Gazette. The Award was published in the Official Gazette on 12-12-79 and as such these parameters can be review after the year 2024.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Farmers' participation in irrigation management

1906. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have taken any steps to encourage farmers' participation in irrigation management; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Union Ministry of Water Resources is providing Central assistance under Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme as management subsidy at the rate of Rs. 50 per hectare for the first 2 years and Rs. 37.50 per hectare for the 3rd year for the farmers' associations formed at minor level for taking over management of water distribution below minor level.

Central assistance is also admissible on matching basis with the States as grant for taking up farmers' training and undertaking action research programme in the command covered under the Central Sponsored Command Area Development Programme.

Rehabilitation of the oustees of the Polavaram Project

1907. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have issued any instructions to the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding formulation of the rehabilitation and resettlement Plan for the tribal oustees of the Polavaram Project;